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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Mark McQueen

Serial No.: 09/146,851

Filed: September 3, 1998

For: ESD/EOS PROTECTION
STRUCTURE FOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT DEVICES (AS AMENDED)

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Examiner: J. Fenty

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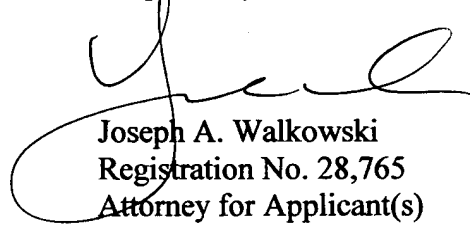
Applicant submits herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,645.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

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Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (11 pages); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicant understands that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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The Examiner indicates:

It is respectfully submitted that Per Applicant's Remarks, filed 01/07/04, the Watanabe reference in view of the Fukuda reference fails to teach or suggest all of the limitations of independent claim 3, as proposed in the current amendment. More particularly, the Watanabe reference in view of the Fukuda reference fails to teach or suggest a transistor comprising, in part, at least one upper source contact

extending through a second barrier layer, the at least one upper source contact being in electrical communication with an individual source contact land, *and* at least one upper drain contact extending through a second barrier layer, the at least one upper drain contact being in electrical communication with an individual drain contact land.

Applicant concurs with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as the reasons comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, additional independent claims (claims 21, 29, 30, 31, and 32) have been allowed, which include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner. In addition, the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

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